

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

EDWARD ALVARADO, et al.

No. C 04-00098 SI

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Plaintiffs,

v.

**ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFFS'  
REQUEST FOR DISMISSAL WITHOUT  
PREJUDICE**

FEDEX CORPORATION,

Defendant.

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The Court hereby DENIES plaintiffs' request. Plaintiffs filed their individual actions after the *Satchell* class action was filed, and thus made the choice to pursue individual litigation outside the class context. Considerable discovery has already taken place in the individual actions, and the parties have extensively briefed summary judgment motions with respect to all three plaintiffs. Oral argument on defendant's motion for summary judgment on plaintiff Theodore is scheduled for November 10, 2005, and oral argument on the motions with respect to plaintiffs White and Rivera is scheduled for November 21, 2005.

Dismissal under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(2) is committed to the "sound discretion" of the Court. *Stevedoring Servs. of America v. Armilla Intern. B.V.*, 889 F.2d 919, 921 (9th Cir. 1989). Plaintiffs have provided no persuasive reason for dismissal without prejudice at this advanced stage of the litigation, and the Court concludes that dismissal without prejudice would be unfair to defendant. *See id.*

Accordingly, plaintiffs' request for dismissal without prejudice is DENIED. [# 298].

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